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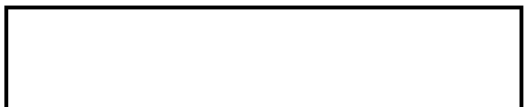
SUBJECT: NSC Staff Inquiry About the "Pipes Report"

1. At 1530, 27 December 1976, John Marcum, NSC Staff called to inquire about the status of the "Pipes Report." He said that reporters at Vail were asking questions about the report, referring to the Binder article in the 26 December 1976 issue of the New York Times.

2. I advised him of the status of the three "B Team" reports. I pointed out the several actions called for in the experiment which were not yet completed. In response to his question, I described what the NSC staff would eventually receive as a result of the experiment: A Team and B Team reports along with A Team and B Team comments. I said I did not think the final package would be ready until February.

3. Mr. Marcum said he would propose that White House officials respond to questions about the report by acknowledging that it was prepared as part of an experiment, that the report had not yet been forwarded to the White House, that it would be inappropriate to comment on its findings before the report had been reviewed.

STAT 4. At the time I talked to John Marcum I did not know that a copy of the B Team report on Soviet strategic objectives had been forwarded today to

  
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